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1. Jänschwalde (A68)

Located in a wooded area three kilometers north of Jänschwalde, this airfield has never been used as a permanent aircraft base. The field lacks a concrete runway and there are no beacon lights. One hangar is in good condition. There are five barracks buildings and a few new barracks are being built by a Soviet labor unit whose vehicles are in the E 5-35 series. Vehicles observed on the Cottbus-Jänschwalde road were in the

2. Cottbus (A57)

There were ground crews at Cottbus airfield on 1 September 1948, but no aircraft. Repairs and enlargement of the field were progressing rapidly. According to local residents, the SAF regiment formerly at the field is now in Finsterwalde (A15).

3. Brandis (E31)

a. Reconstruction of Brandis airfield began in August 1948, with the following installations scheduled to be built:

Billets to house approximately 1,300 men.
One radio transmitter, equipment supplied by Telefunken-Leipzig.
One repair shop with twelve lathes.
Three motor test stands.
One fuel tank, capacity 150,000 liters.
Five underground bunkers, capacity up to 800 tons of ammunition.
One boiler plant, to be brought from Kreis Bitterfeld.

b. The field is to accommodate 250 aircraft. Construction work is expected to be completed by or during November 1948.

c. In early September, 1,500 Germans and 450 Russians were employed. Tools and other equipment were supplied from the Junkers plant in Dessau.

d. Major Volonin is the commanding officer of troops and SAF units, Captain Petrukov is the field administrative officer. (Comment: No information has been supplied as to the presence of troops and aircraft.)

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a. This field has been in operation since June 1948. Strength in early September: 175 aircraft (12 trainer biplanes, the rest fighters), 125 officers, 380 EM. Approximately 70 fighters take off daily for three hour flights.

b. Although present installations are of a temporary nature, new billets are being erected and considerable quantities of construction material have arrived recently. Gasoline is delivered in seven tank cars, via a new railroad siding, approximately once a week. There is a mobile radio transmitter on the field.

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